

Adult Program

2016 Read and Watch Program

Are you interested in going on a trip full of adventure, Intrigue, love or sorrow without leaving the comforts of your chair. This program will center on reading a book that has been made into a movie. We will have a book discussion and then enjoy watching the movie!

A Walk in the Woods

by Bill Bryson

Movie & Discussion: Monday, March 28, 2016 1:00—3:30pm #189913

For reasons even he didn't understand, Bill Bryson decided in 1996 to walk the 2,100 mile Appalachian Trail. Winding from Georgia to Maine, this uninterrupted 'hiker's highway' sweeps through the heart of some of America's most beautiful and treacherous terrain. Accompanied by his infamous crony, Stephen Katz, Bryson risks snake bite and hantavirus to trudge up unforgiving mountains, plod through swollen rivers and yearn for cream sodas and hot showers.

Black Mass: The true story of an unholy alliance between the FBI and the Irish Mob

by Dick Lehr & Gerard O'Neill

Movie & Discussion: Monday June 27, 2016 1:00—3:30pm #189914

Two boys, John Connolly and James "Whitey" Bulger, grew up together on the streets of South Boston. Decades later, in the late 1970s. They would meet again. By then, Connolly was a major figure in the FBI's Boston office and Whitey had become godfather of the Irish Mob. What happened between them, a dirty deal to trade secrets and take down Boston's Italian Mafia in the process, would spiral out of control, leading to murders and drug dealing and racketeering indictments. And ultimately, to Bulger making the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List.

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The Martian

by Andy Weir

Movie & Discussion: Monday, August 22, 2016 1:00—3:30pm #189915

Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney became one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he's sure he'll be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him & forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark finds himself stranded & completely alone with no way to even signal Earth that he's alive. Even if he could get word out, his supplies would be gone long before a rescue could arrive. Chances are, though, he won't have time to starve to death. The damaged machinery, unforgiving environment or plain old human error are much more likely to kill him first. Mark isn't ready to give up yet. Drawing on his ingenuity, his engineering skills & a relentless, dogged refusal to quit, he steadfastly confronts one seemingly insurmountable obstacle after the next. Will his resourcefulness be enough to overcome the impossible odds against him?

Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk

by Ben Fountain

Movie & Discussion: Monday, November 14, 2016 1:00—3:30pm #189916

A ferocious firefight with Iraqi insurgents at “the battle of Al-Ansakar Canal”, three minutes and forty-three seconds of intense warfare caught on tape by an embedded Fox News crew, has transformed the eight surviving men of Bravo Squad into America's most sought after heroes. For the past two weeks, the Bush administration has sent them on a media intensive nationwide victory tour to reinvigorate public support for the war. Now, on this chilly and rainy Thanksgiving, the Bravos are guests of America's Team, the Dallas Cowboys, slated to be part of the halftime show alongside the superstar pop group Destiny's Child.

Among the Bravos is the Silver Star winning hero, Specialist William Lynn, a nineteen year old Texas native. Amid clamoring patriots sporting flag pins on their lapels and Support Our Troops bumper stickers on their cars, the Bravos are thrust into the company of the Cowboys' hard-nosed businessman/owner and his coterie of wealthy colleagues; a luscious born-again Cowboys cheerleader; a veteran Hollywood producer and supersized pro players eager for a vicarious taste of war. Among these faces Billy sees those of his family, his worried sisters and broken father and Shroom, the philosophical sergeant who opened Billy's mind and died in his arms at Al-Ansakar.

Over the course of this day, Billy will begin to understand difficult truths about himself, his country, his struggling family and his brothers-in-arms, soldiers both dead and alive. In the final few hours before returning to Iraq, Billy will drink and brawl, yearn for home and mourn those missing, g=face a heart-wrenching decision, and discover pure love and a bitter wisdom far beyond his years.